

REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel adhesive and adhesive tapes comprising the novel adhesive.

Claims 1- 9, 11 and 12 are pending; claim 10 being cancelled by this amendment. The limitations of claim 10 (as corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion) have been added to claim 1.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Husemann et al., U.S. Patent 6,765,078 because the Examiner reads Husemann et al. as teaching a process for preparing pressure sensitive polyacrylate adhesives by preparing a polyacrylate composition with a C-S-C sequence, and also as adding a Zinc Oxide to the composition and crosslinking. The Examiner considers the oxide of Zinc Oxide to be a ligand.

Applicants' do not believe that those skilled in the art would consider the oxide of Husemann's Zinc Oxide to be a ligand. Nevertheless, in a determined effort to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have now limited the ligands of claim 1 to those recited in claim 10 (and also at page 11, lines 25 - 34.). As presently limited, Applicants' definition of (L)_nM excludes the Zinc Oxide of the Husemann reference. In addition, nothing in the Husemann reference would suggest the process or product now defined by Applicants' claims.

The rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Husemann et al., U.S. Patent 6,765,078 should therefore now be withdrawn.

The objection to claim 10 has been obviated by cancellation of the claim. The language of claim 10 that has been incorporated into claim 1 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner and claim 1 is therefore believed to be free of the issue that led to the objection to claim 10.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 11 and 12, but believe that in view of the present amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the present amendments and remarks it is believed that claims 1-9, 11 and 12 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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